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It was the first time that state judges, most of whom arrived in six chartered buses, had come to Albany in

WE THINK IT IS FAIR TO ASK THE GOVERNOR TO REVIEW THE PRIORITIES; IT IS PART OF THE BUDGET PROCESS," said Justice Seymour Boyers of the Appellate Division

NEW YORK Day by Day



The New York Times/Chemer Higgins Jr.
Two visitors to the toy fair yesterday at 200 Fifth Avenue, maneuvering toward letters to make words on the board of new word game.

Fun and Games at Toy Fair

Nick Pannone turned to his opponent, Donna Miller. "Don't knock out my communications," he said. Pow! She gleefully scored a bull's-eye on Rampage Rock, his headquarters in the Flash Force 2000 game. "It's going to be our lead item," said Peter Malen, sales vice president for Matchbox Toys.

The game was among the 512 exhibits at the 81st American International Toy Fair, which opened yesterday at 200 Fifth Avenue. The fair, a 10-day delight for grown-up visitors, who could pretend to be working, is open only to members of the trade.

Some preferred the tried-and-true Matchbox line of 75 little cars and trucks, or the Play Family figurines that have been sold by Fisher-Price Toys in various settings — on farms, for example, or in stores.

"This year, we're going to sell separate sets of people, independent of the settings," said Fisher-Price's Carol Blackley.

LJN Toys showed its new Michael Jackson set — a youngster sings into a microphone (pretending, of course, to be Michael Jackson) and the voice comes out of a real radio.

Now and then, someone noted that toys are big business. Arnold C. Greenberg, chairman of Toy Manufacturers of America Inc., put 1983 retail sales at \$10.4 billion and predicted a strong 1984.

For Doctors, The Play's the Thing

To my knowledge this is a first, indeed," Dr. Michael Gannon said from Chicago the other day. Dr. Gannon, director of continuing medical education for the American Medical Association, was referring to doctors getting professional credit for seeing a Broadway play.

The play is "Night, Mother," the Pulitzer Prize-winning drama about a woman with epilepsy who commits suicide.

"The beauty of the play is that it shows the character as having epilepsy, among other problems," said Ira Brody, executive vice president of the Epilepsy Institute, "not as an epileptic outside of normal society."

For doctors who attend a special performance tomorrow, the institute, along with Cornell University Medical College, will give one hour's credit toward the 50 needed each year to maintain membership in the Medical Society of the State of New York. Credits are normally awarded for attendance at medical lectures and symposiums.

To get the top hour's credit, doctors

must answer four essay questions on the play. Dr. Hart Peterson, clinical associate professor of neurology at Cornell, said the questions are on the theme of "How could this tragedy be prevented by appropriate medical management?"

A Valentine's Gift For Two Hearts

It was the eve of Valentine's Day, 1944. Blackout curtains were on the Essex House windows. Signs told what to do in case of an air raid. Many rooms were reserved for servicemen.

It was Norman and Erika Aronstam's wedding night, and they stayed in Room 1137. It cost \$8.

This year, Mrs. Aronstam asked Marriott Hotels, the owner, whether they could have that room on the eve of their 40th anniversary. The price is \$250, but Marriott invited the Aronstams, who live in Brooklyn, to stay free and welcomed them with flowers and champagne.

The anniversary celebration was a real 1940's evening. "We heard Woody Herman at the Rainbow Room," Mrs. Aronstam said, "and then — the weather was with us — we walked around Manhattan."

A Proposed Resolution Of a Problem

Not everyone loves New York. In the movie "Terms of Endearment," one line provokes intense reactions from local audiences.

A man in a supermarket checkout line turns to a cashier, who has been berating Debra Winger, and says, "You're a very nasty person." The cashier replies that she doesn't consider herself one.

"Then you must be from New York," the man retorts. Audiences burst into laughter and applause.

Assemblyman Ivan C. Lafayette, a Queens Democrat, burst into a proposed resolution. "This is just informal," he said, "but I did it because a gratuitous throwaway line showed New Yorkers as rude, vulgar people."

The proposed resolution, which was circulated to some Assembly colleagues, reads, in part:

"Resolved, that such negative comments will be considered offensive and degrading to the people of the State of New York; and be it further resolved, that if a negative image must be given for artistic purposes, that Jerseyans be substituted for New Yorkers."

Susan Heller Anderson
Maurice Carroll

open for business on the holiday. Included in the group were State Supreme Court justices, surrogates and county judges and civil court judges. They came from New York City, Westchester and Dutchess Counties, Rochester and Buffalo and Albany.

Governor Cuomo has opposed a request for \$20 million in salary increases sought by the judges, along with funds for 36 more judgeships and additional aid for New York City's Housing Court unless fees are raised to pay for them.

"Very Supportive"

In meetings with delegations of judges, both the Assembly Speaker, Stanley Fink, Democrat of Brooklyn, and the Senate majority leader, Warren M. Anderson, Republican of Binghamton, said they favored the salary increases without higher fees.

After meeting with the Governor for about an hour, Justice Leonard Weiss of the Appellate Division in Albany said Mr. Cuomo was "very supportive" but offered "no commitment."

A few minutes later, Mr. Cuomo's staff released a statement from the Governor saying that he continued to oppose the judges' request for a raise. "These raises could only be paid for by a tax increase — which I oppose — or by depriving other parts of the budget of funding," Mr. Cuomo said.

The judges also asked for more

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even custom-tailored
These same high
Interest on these accounts
Substantial interest



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